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SUBJECT: RHODESIAN NEGOTIATIONS

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1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR CALLED ON TONY DUFF AFTERNOON
JANUARY 25 AND CONVEYED CONTENT REFTTEL.

2. DUFF SAID THAT RICHARD IS NOW IN JOHANNESBURG AND
WILL REMAIN THERE AT LEAST UNTIL WEDNESDAY. THE LAST
THING HMG WANTED WAS FOR RICHARD TO RUSH RIGHT HOME
AFTER SMITH'S STATEMENT. CROSLAND INSTRUCTED HIM TO
STAY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND TO SEEK APPOINTMENTS WITH
PATRIOTIC FRONT LEADERS AND SOME, BUT NOT ALL, FRONT
LINE PRESIDENTS. BRITISH EMBASSY, LUSAKA IS NOW
ATTEMPTING TO SET UP MEETINGS IN NEXT FEW DAYS WITH
KAUNDA AND WITH MUGABE/NKOMO WHO WILL ATTEND MOYO
FUNERAL. RICHARD WILL ALSO SEE KHAMA BUT NOT NYERERE
OR MACHEL. HE ASKED FOR APPOINTMENT WITH VORSTER BUT
VORSTER DECLINED, SO AMBASSADOR SCOTT WILL DELIVER TO
HIM RICHARD'S ACCOUNT OF MEETING WITH SMITH.

3. IN A MESSAGE TO RICHARD (COPY OF WHICH THE BRITISH
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EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WILL PASS TO DEPARTMENT), CROSLAND
INSTRUCTED HIM TO MAKE SURE THAT PATRIOTIC FRONT
LEADERS REITERATE CATEGORICALLY THEIR UNWILLINGNESS TO
ACCEPT THE FIVE POINTS (THIS IS IMPORTANT TO CROSLAND
SINCE SMITH FELL BACK ON FIVE POINTS IN HIS PUBLIC
STATEMENT), AND TO TRY TO GET THEM TO SAY THAT THEY WERE
PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE ON THE BASIS OF BRITISH PAPER (BUT

TO AVOID RECEIVING A CATEGORICAL NEGATIVE).

4. DUFF SAID THERE WAS NO ONE IN HMG WHO SAW ANY POSSIBILITY OF RECONVENING GENEVA CONFERENCE AND CROSLAND MADE STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT IN COMMONS THIS AFTERNOON:

"WE HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT THIS PRESENT ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS IS AT AN END. WE NOW NEED - ALL OF US - TO TAKE STOCK AND TO MAKE A COOL APPRAISAL OF THE NEW SITUATION... YESTERDAY'S EVENTS REPRESENT A SERIOUS SETBACK TO ALL OUR HOPES FOR PEACE IN RHODESIA. WE MUST NOW GIVE INTENSIVE STUDY TO ANY OPTIONS WHICH MAY STILL REMAIN OPEN TO US IN THIS NEW SITUATION. FOR OUR GOAL REMAINS A PEACEFUL AND ORDERLY TRANSFER TO MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA."

5. AS TO POSSIBLE MEETING BETWEEN AMERICAN AND BRITISH EXPERTS, DUFF QUOTED FROM CABLE REPORTING RAMSBOTHAM MEETING WITH SECRETARY JANUARY 24 IN WHICH RAMSBOTHAM SAID SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE OF "LIMITED VALUE" THIS WEEK. IF US INSISTED, DUFF SAID, HMG WOULD OF COURSE AGREE TO EARLIER MEETING BUT HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR ALL OF US "TO TAKE STOCK, GATHER OUR THOUGHTS," WAIT UNTIL RICHARD RETURNED TO LONDON EARLY NEXT WEEK AND THEN ASSEMBLE, EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR LONDON. DISCUSSIONS COULD EITHER CONCENTRATE EXCLUSIVELY ON RHODESIA OR IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO REVIEW SITUATION IN ALL OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

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